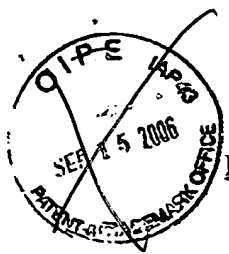


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

a.) Introductory Comments

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 15, 2006, kindly amend
the subject application under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as follows: